MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

May 4, 1978 9:00 A.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau

Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Absent: None

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mayor McClellan read a proclamation designating the month of May as Mental Health Month. DR. JOHN M. ABELL accepted the proclamation with his thanks.

BERTHA SADLER MEANS DAY

Monday, May 8, 1978, has been proclaimed Bertha Sadler Means Day, according to a proclamation read by Councilmember Snell. Mrs. Means' son accepted the proclamation in her behalf.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK

Mr. Bob Spurck, Administrator of Brackenridge Hospital, and representatives from other Austin hospitals, were in the Council Chamber to receive a proclamation from the Mayor, designating the week of May 7-13,1978, as National Hospital Week.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

May 1-7, 1978, is Be Kind to Animals Week, according to a proclamation read by Councilmember Himmelblau and accepted, with his thanks, by MR. DOYLE NORDYKE, Director of the Humane Society.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK

MR. JIM CHRISTIANSON accepted with his thanks a proclamation read by the Mayor, designating May 7-13, 1978, as National Historic Preservation Week.

MARCH AGAINST MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY DAY

MS. KAREN GONZALES, Muscular Dystrophy Poster Child, was in the Council Chamber, along with Ms. Ann Marie Anderson, to accept a proclamation read by Councilmember Goodman, which designated May 7, 1978, as March Against Muscular Dystrophy Day.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Mayor McClellan awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Bubba Mitchel for his life saving effort in pulling a man from a burning building without regard to his own life. BUBBA MITCHEL accepted the certificate from the Mayor. The Mayor also presented Certificates of Appreciation to JOHN and KAY FOSTER for rescuing a person in an auto accident when their car caught fire. Chief Leland Priest received the certificates for Mr. and Mrs. Foster. He expressed appreciation to all three recipients of today's awards from the Fire Department, which was represented by seven of its members.

HONRARY CITIZENS

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino presented to Council and members of the audience four citizens of Veracruz, Mexico, who are visiting Austin this week. They are:

SRA. EMILIA PEREZ DE FUSTER

DR. ARIEL AGUIRRE CONTRERAS

DR. ANGEL PEREZ MOLINA

SR. RAFAEL FUSTER JIMENEZ

They were all presented with certificates of honorary citizenship in Austin, and keys to the City, which were accepted with their thanks to the City of Austin.

CINCO DE MAYO DAY

Tony Cortez, Jr., and Elizabeth Ann Cortez were in the Council Chamber to perform a native Mexican dance, in honor of Cinco de Mayo Day. The performance of these children was received with enthusiasm by Councilmembers and the audience. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino presented a proclamation designating May 5, 1978, as Cinco de Mayo Day to MR. FLOYD B. BERMEA, City of Austin Personnel Department, who accepted it with his thanks.

MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOUSING WEEK

The week of May 4-10, 1978, has been designated Mobile/Manufactured Housing Week, in a proclamation read by Councilmember Cooke and accepted with appreciation by MR. EDDIE DYER.

COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve the Minutes for the April 27, 1978, meeting of the Council. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau,

Mullen, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Noes: None

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Snell

MUNICIPAL COURT RELIEF JUDGE APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council appoint ALTON LYNN ELLISON, JR., KARL H. MOELLER and WILLIAM W. RITTENHOUSE as Municipal Court Relief Judges. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen,

Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Snell,

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor McClellan announced that there are holdover appointments for Boards and Commissions which will be made May 11, 1978. They are:

Joint Airport Zoning Board - 1
Board of Adjustments - 1 alternate
Building Standards Commission - 1 real estate broker
On-Going Goals - 1
Parks and Recreation - 3
Building Code Board of Appeals - 1
Manpower Advisory Planning Council - 1
Citizen's Board of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality - 1
Vending Commission - 4
Human Relations Committee - 1
Commission on Status of Women - 2
Hospital Board - to be discussed later
Board of Equalization - 3
Urban Renewal Board - 3

Appointments to be made at the first meeting in June, which will be June 1, 1978:

Building Standards - 6
Dental Health Advisory Committee - 13
Possible Hospital Board appointments that would normally run out at that time
Planning Commission - 4
Commission on Status of Women - 8

OFFICE SPACE BIDS REJECTED

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council reject all bids received for office space for the Data Systems Department. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor

Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

RELEASE OF EASEMENTS

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize release of the following easments:

All Public Utility Easements five (5.00) feet in width along the rear of each lot and/or either side of the dividing line of all lots numbered Lots 18 through 49 and 66 and a 55' Public Utility and Drainage Easement along the rear of Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27 and 28 in Western Hills Subdivision. (Requested by Nash Phillips-Copus, owner)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize release of the following easement:

A ten (10.00) foot Public Utility and Drainage Easement between Lots 9 and 10, Block "P," Highland Park West, locally known as 4613 Laurel Canyon Drive. (Requested by Mr. W. C. Warden, Attorney, representing Mr. Ralph E. Janes, Jr.)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize release of the following easement:

A five (5.00) foot Electric Guy Line Easement along the rear property line of Lot 5, Block "P," Park Forest Addition, locally known as 5005 Majestic Drive. (Requested by Mr. Wilson G. Foshee, Jr., owner)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize release of the following easements:

A five (5.00) foot Public Utility Easement along the rear of the following lots in Buttermilk Park being in the A. K. Black Subdivision No. 2; Lot 6, Block 17; Lots 1 through 12, Block 18; Lots 1 through 3 and Lot 12, Block 19; Lots 1 through 4, Block 23; Lots 1 through 4, Block 24; and a five (5.00) foot Public Utility Easement along the rear of Lot 1, Block 21, St. Johns College Addition. (Requested by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

APPROACH MAIN CONTRACT

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize the following Approach Main Contract:

C. W. HETHERLY, JR., Developer

- For construction of a 12-inch water and an 8-inch wastewater approach main to serve the M & G Estates Subdivision. (Estimated cost participation by the City, \$2,550.00)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Aves: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

CONTRACTS APPROVED

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve the following contract:

JOE McDANIEL 15203 Highway 71 West Austin, Texas - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - William Cannon Drive 16 and 24 inch Water Transmission Main - \$161,800.00 C.I.P. No. 75/40-14

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve the following contract:

LAPP INSULATOR LeRoy, New York

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM Porcelain Insulators and Galvanized
Hardware, Assemblies for 345 KV
Application, Electric Department.
Items 1 through 23 - \$465,826.77

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve the following contract:

ROBERT C. GRAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 2007 Rutland Drive Austin. Texas - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - Model Cities Street and Drainage Improvements, Model Cities 4th Year - \$89,424.65. C.I.P. No. 76/62-15

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve the following contract:

VOMAR PRODUCTS, INC. 16641 Roscoe Place Sepulveda, California CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM -Directional Graphics of Phase 2B Brackenridge Hospital - \$8,995.00 C.I.P. No. 74/84-01

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve the following contracts:

Bid Award:

- Heavy Duty Truck Cab and Chassis, Vehicle and Equipment Services Department.

HENNA CHEVROLET, INC. 7522 North Interregional Austin, Texas

- Items HT-1-3, 5-8, 12 - \$107,901.00

LIEF JOHNSON FORD 501 Koenig Lane Austin, Texas

- Item HT-4 - \$32,970.00

LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY

- Items HT-9-11, 22, 24 - \$106,674.29

Austin, Texas

LIEF JOHNSON FORD TRUCK CITY 502 East Ben White Austin, Texas

- Items HT-13-15, 17-21, 23, 25-27 \$270,718.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

CHANGE ORDER

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve a Change Order in the amount of \$62,464.74 to J. L. Mayfield Company, for additional exterior work on the Caswell House, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, No. 79/60-01. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

BARTHOLOMEW SWIMMING POOL

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council select the professional engineering services of Bryant-Curington, Inc., to investigate and recommend improvements and renovations at Bartholomew Swimming Pool, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, No. 76/86-06. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS GRANT

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to enter into a contractual agreement with the Texas Department of Community Affairs for a 1978 Youth Conservation Corps Grant in the amount of \$10,548.00 from June 12, 1978, through August 4, 1978. (City in-kind match of \$4,746.) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

ITEM ON MHMR POSTPONED

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council postpone until May 18, 1978, consideration of Travis County's appointment to the Board of Trustees for Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

AID FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN LIAISON WORKER

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to contract with the Texas Department of Human Resources for an Aid for Dependent Children Liaison Worker at Brackenridge Hospital. City Cost \$5,526. (Recommended by the Brackenridge Hospital Advisory Board). The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve an Affiliation Agreement with the Austin Diagnostic Clinic Research Foundation for fostering medical education and research. (Recommended by Hospital Advisory Board) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS CONTRACT AMENDED

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize an amendment of the contract with the emergency physicians of San Leandro, California, to apply that the hospital bylaws and rules of the medical staff apply to the emergency physicians. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

BOAT RAMPS AT COOLING RESERVOIR, FAYETTE POWER PROJECT

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to accept a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for the installation of boat ramps at the cooling reservoir for the Fayette Power Project. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM No. 75/10-01. (State share \$16,100; LCRA share, \$3,450; City share, \$3,450.) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

UTILITY JOINT USE AGREEMENT

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to join into a Utility Joint Use Agreement with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for the purpose of adjusting service in connection with Loop 360 Project. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to revise the Urban Renewal contract to transfer \$75,000 from the Standard Rehabilitation Program to Emergency Repair Program; and to adjust program performance levels. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro

Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

TRANSPORTATION ENERGY CONSERVATION MATTERS

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 760122-B; AMENDING THE ORDINANCE CREATING THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO ADD TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES DETAILED FOR THAT COMMISSION THE POWER TO ADVISE THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION ON TRANSPORTATION ENERGY CONSERVATION MATTERS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem

Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Goodman, Cooke

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

SPEED ZONES

The Council had before it establishing the following speed zones:

Section 21-42 - Subsection (a) 35 mph:

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William Cannon Drive East

200 feet West of West

Manchaca Road

Gate Boulevard

Subsection (b) 40 mph:

William Cannon Drive East

Brodie Lane

200 feet west of West

Gate Boulevard

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-42 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 BY MAKING AN ADDITION TO SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (b) THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE "UNIFORM ACT REGULATING TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS" (VERNON'S ANN. CIV. ST., ART. 6701d); SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem

Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Goodman, Cooke

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

CAPITAL INCREMENT FEES

Mayor McClellan brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE CAPITAL INCREMENT FEE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THAT ORDINANCES BE READ ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council waive the requirement for the third reading, and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Mayor McClellan,

Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman

Noes: Councilmember Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilmember Cooke commented, "I hope that if this passes third reading today that we will begin to see people that are in the building and development business show a return to those people buying homes in the City of Austin in good faith as the Council is showing." Councilmember Goodman stated: "I echo Councilman Cooke's statement."

ZONING ORDINANCES

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

Ord. 780518-C

Provident Development Company 1 et al C14-77-061

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 BY PERMITTING TOWNE PARK, LOCATED AT 3900 DUVAL, AND ALSO BOUNDED BY EAST 39th STREET, EAST 40TH STREET, AND AVENUE H; TO BE USED FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The Hamlets Corp., C814-77-001)

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem

Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Goodman, Cooke

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS:

120.00 FEET BY 53.93 FEET OUT OF LOT C, PASADENA ADDITION NO. TWO, LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE REAR OF 2300 PASADENA DRIVE; FROM "A" RESIDENCE, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT AND "C" COMMERCIAL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Ves Investments, Ltd., C14-77-168)

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Goodman, Cooke

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McClellan brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

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	SOUTH TEXAS NUCLEAR PROJECT BOND ISSUE
	MR. RICK PILTZ, member of Coordinating Committee, Texas Mobilization For Survival appeared before Council to discuss the \$40,000,000 Bond Issue for the South Texas Nuclear Project. He requested Council to defer any further investment in nuclear power until further investigations are made. He said that the project is not economical, as it will cost the City \$1.5 billion, and it is not safe. Mayor McClellan thanked Mr. Piltz for presenting his views.
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BUILDING MORATORIUM IN CLARKSVILLE

Reverend W. B. Southerland, Clarksville Neighborhood Advisory Board, appeared before Council requesting a moratorium on building permits within the boundaries of the Clarksville National Register District for an interim period not to exceed 60 days. He read the following letter to Council:

"As you are aware, the Clarksville area has been recognized as a National Register District, and this recognition is primarily attributable to the ethnic, cultural, social and economic characteristics of Clarksville.

Within the past two years, activity related to property transactions, rehabilitiation, relocating structures into the area, and new construction has been accelerated. Existing ordinances and codes provide review and controls for rehabilitating existing structures and for those structures being moved into the area. There is no existing ordinance to afford the community an opportunity to review or have any input as new construction occurs.

The Landmark Commission is operating under a policy in that it reviews all permit requests for the four National Register Districts. This is the only opportunity we have to be aware of new construction. This policy and the efforts of the Landmark Commission are much appreciated but have proven to be ineffectual as no authority exists for denying proposed construction or limiting the height and scale of new structures. The Clarksville neighborhood is concerned as the resultant new construction increases property values and makes the area less available and affordable for Blacks.

We feel a moratorium not to exceed 60 days will allow time for passage of a proposed ordinance which authorizes the Landmark Commission to review Permits with the National Register Districts. This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing before the Planning Commission on May 9. We support the proposed ordinance and will be willing to work with the staff, Landmark Commission and all property owners within Clarksville to accomplish the goals of a better neighborhood and better housing for our Community."

Mayor McClellan requested a report by next week concerning Reverend Southerland's request for a moratorium for 60 days on building permits within the boundaries of Clarksville to allow time for passage of a proposal of an ordinance allowing Landmark Commission to review permits within this National Landmark District.

PAVING ASSESSMENTS FOR TILLERY STREET

MR. JEFF FRIEDMAN appeared before Council concerning the paving assessments for Tillery Street. He requested Council to waive its usual procedure and extend discount for payments 30 days after public hearing. Present procedure is that discount eligibility ends before a public hearing. The Mayor commented that his request is reasonable.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council extend the discount date 30 days after the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cooke.

Councilmember Mullen asked if there were other paving projects going on that this would be applicable to, also, because he said it would not be fair to do it for one and not for all. Mr. Friedman said there could be a blanket motion to make it for all projects under consideration.

Mr. Harris, City Attorney, said, "I'm just trying to clarify his request. It is to proceed with the Tillery Street paving program, but extend the people's options to pay and get the discount, to a period 30 days after the time that we have had the public hearing on their particular assessments." Mr. Harris referred to a letter from the City Manager in which he stated that there would be a public hearing on the policy now in force; Mr. Friedman had just received a copy of the letter. (Clerk did not receive a copy.) "I think what the staff had preferred to do," continued Mr. Harris, "was apply at least one provision of that new policy to Tillery Street assessments since they are under way and thereby proceed with the Tillery Street assessment to allow the people to decide whether they want to take advantage of the discount or not...allow them 30 days after we have the public hearings as to what their assessment is going to be to decide whether or not they want to pay voluntarily and get the discount."

Discussion followed by Mr. German, Director of Public Works; Councilmember Mullen; Mr. Davidson, City Manager; Mr. Andy Ramirez, Director of Human Resources; and Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, as to whether the motion should include other projects, just Tillery Street, and whether to extend the discount 30 days after public hearing, or 30 days after assessment process has been concluded.

Motion Withdrawn

Councilmember Goodman withdrew his motion. Councilmember Cooke withdrew his second.

Mayor McClellan asked Mr. German when the report on the policy now in force would be ready. He said it would be done by May 25, 1978.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council extend discount time for payments 30 days after time of assessment process has been concluded on Tillery Street. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan,

Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen

ZONING HEARING

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on the following application. Pursuant to published notice thereof, the following zoning was publicly heard:

TEXAS STATE BANK By Bert Pence C14-78-058 North I. H. 35, Rutherford Lane and U. S. Highway 183 From Interim "AA" Residence
lst Height and Area
To "C" Commercial and
"B" Residence
lst Height and Area
NOT Recommended by the Planning
Commission

RECOMMENDED (Tract 1) a 25-foot landscape buffer of "A" beginning at the easternmost boundary of the "GR" General Retail line on the north of Rutherford, the restrictive covenant offered by the applicant to erect and maintain the landscape buffer. In addition a 25-foot strip of "GR" General Retail with no buildings, then 100 feet of "GR" General Retail; the remainder of the tract to be zoned "C" Commercial; recommended "C" Commercial except for a 100foot strip of "GR" General Retail, along the east and west boundaries and 150-foot strip of "GR" General Retail along U.S. 183 on Tract 2 and to grant "B" Residence, 1st Height and Area District on Tract 3 except for the northern 610 feet which is recommended "BB" Residence, 1st Height and Area, including the restrictive covenant as volunteered by applicant for a 25-foot landscape buffer and 25-foot building setback on the northern boundary of Tract 3.

Mr. Lillie appeared before Council to state that applicant and the neighborhood are all in agreement with the recommendation.

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council grant on Tract 1 a 25-foot landscape buffer of "A" Residence, 1st Height and Area District, beginning at the easternmost boundary of the "GR" General Retail line on the north of Rutherford, subject to restrictive covenant; in addition on Tract 1 a 25-foot strip of "GR" General Retail with no buildings, then 100 feet of "GR"General Retail, the remainder of the tract to be zoned "C" Commercial; on Tract 2 "C" Commercial except for a 100-foot strip of "GR" General Retail along the east and west boundaries and 150 foot strip of "GR" General Retail along U.S. 183; and to grant "B" Residence, 1st Height and Area District on Tract 3, except for the northern 610 feet which is to be "BB" Residence, 1st Height and Area District, subject to conditions, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers

Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to on Tract 1 a 25-foot landscape buffer of "A" Residence, 1st Height and Area District, beginning at the easternmost boundary of the "GR" General Retail line on the north of Rutherford, subject to restrictive covenant; in addition on Tract 1 a 25-foot strip of "GR" General Retail with no buildings, then 100 feet of "GR" General Retail, the remainder of the tract to be zoned "C" Commercial; on Tract 2 "C" Commercial except for a 100-foot strip of "GR" General Retail along the east and west boundaries and 150-foot strip of "GR" General Retail along U.S. 183; and "B" Residence, 1st Height and Area District on Tract 3, except for the northern 610 feet which is to be "BB" Residence, 1st Height and Area District, subject to conditions; and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

PUBLIC HEARING, BRACKENRIDGE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

The Mayor opened the public hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on the change in the Brackenridge Urban Renewal Plan to permit business uses within Symphony Square; and passage of a resolution.

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council close the public hearing and adopt a resolution to change the Brackenridge Urban Renwal Plan to permit business uses within Symphony Square. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau,

Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Noes: None

UTILITY REVENUE BOND SALE

Mayor McClellan stated that the City Council of Austin had advertised that it would receive sealed bids until 10:30 A.M., C.D.T., this day for the City of Austin, Texas, \$78,000,000 worth of Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 3. She inquired about the assembly of the bids and if all bids had been received and whether there were any others either through the mail, from members of the Council, the City Clerk, the Finance Administrator, or anyone present in the Council Chamber. It was determined no other bids had been received.

The Mayor announced that it was 10:30 a.m. and the time for receiving bids was closed.

Mr. Norman Barker, Finance Administrator, then opened and read bids on \$78,000,000 Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 3, as follows:

Bache Halsey Stuart, Inc. and Associates

<u>Maturity Dates</u>	Nominal Interest Rate
April 1, 1997 April 1, 1998 April 1, 1999 April 1, 2000 April 1, 2001 April 1, 2002 April 1, 2003 thru April 1, 2005	6.80% 7.00 6.20 6.15 6.20 6.25 6.30
Gross Interest Cost	Premium Offered
\$118,108,929.00	\$3,033.00
Net Interest Cost	Effective Interest Rate
\$118,105,896.00	6.29227%

(Above was Weeden & Co., Inc. bid, which was on the wrong form, explained later in the meeting.)

Weeden & Co., Inc., and Associates

Maturity Dates	Nominal Interest Rate
April 1, 1997 April 1, 1998 April 1, 1999 April 1, 2000 April 1, 2001 April 1, 2002 April 1, 2003 April 1, 2004 thru April 1, 2005	6.25% 6.70 6.60 6.10 6.15 6.20 6.25 6.30
Gross Interest Cost	Premium Offered
\$117,760,500.00	\$5,460.00
Net Interest Cost	Effective Interest Rate
\$117,755,040.00	6.2735%

(Above was Bache Halsey Stuart, Inc. & Associates bid, which was on the wrong form, explained later in the meeting.)

Mayor McClellan referred the bids to Mr. Barker and Mr. Curtis Adrian, First Southwest Company, for verification. They left the Council Chamber.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Adrian later returned to the Council Chamber. Mr. Barker stated: "Mayor, members of the City Council, we have verified the computations on each one of the bids and they are correct. However, the bid of Bache Halsey Stuart, Inc. and Associates was put on the form of Weeden & Co., Inc., and the bid of Weeden & Co. was put on the form of Bache Halsey Stuart. The individual who brought these bids to the bank also got the bids at the bank and so we have the..we know that this representation is correct. This is, however, an irregularity and I would like to address Mr. Elbert Morrow, of Dumas, Huguenin, Boothman and Morrow." Mayor McClellan explained that Mr. Morrow is the City's legal counsel on this matter.

Mr. Morrow stated: "We have checked with the man who completed the bid forms as they were called in. He has in turn verified with the principle officers of the two major companies involved that the switch in forms was made, that it was an accident. He does have appropriate bid forms and he is on the way with those appropriate bid forms that are filled in properly on the proper sheets. So this came in by telephone and it was an error and I believe that this is a formality that could be waived."

Correct bids are as follows:

Bache Halsey Stuart, Inc. and Associates

Maturity Dates	Nominal Interest Rate
April 1, 1997	6.25%
April 1, 1998	6.70
April 1, 1999	6.60
April 1, 2000	6.10
April 1, 2001	6.15
April 1, 2002	6.20
April 1, 2003	6.25
April 1, 2004 thru April 1, 2005	6.30
Gross Interest Cost	Premium Offered
\$117,760,500.00	\$5,460.00
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Weeden & Co., Inc. and Associates

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Net Interest Cost	Effective Interest Rate
\$118,105,896.00	6.29227%

Mr. Barker said, "In light of that explanation, we recommend to the City Council that they award the bid to Bache Halsey Stuart, Inc. and Associates in the amount of \$117,755,040.00 at an effective interest rate of 6.2735%."

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the official statement as of the date of sale of the bonds and authorizing certificate at the time of payment for and delivery of the bonds. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor

McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau

Noes: None

MINUTES PERTAINING TO PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF \$78,000,000 "CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 3," DATED APRIL 1, 1978

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF TRAVIS
AND WILLIAMSON

CITY OF AUSTIN

ON THIS, the 4th day of May, 1978, the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, convened in regular session at the Council Chambers, Municipal Annex, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Article 6252-17, Section 3A, V.A.T.C.S., with the following members present and in attendance, to wit:

CAROLE KEETON McCLELLAN

MAYOR

LEE COOKE RICHARD GOODMAN JOHN TREVINO RON MULLEN BETTY HIMMELBLAU JIMMY SNELL

COUNCIL MEMBERS

and with the following absent: None constituting a quorum; at which time the following among other business was transacted, to wit:

The Mayor presented for the City Council's consideration an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$78,000,000 in revenue bonds, the caption of said ordinance being as follows:

"ORDINANCE NO. 780504-F

"AN ORDINANCE by the City Council of the City of Austin,
Texas, authorizing the issuance of \$78,000,000
"CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE
BONDS, SERIES 3," dated April 1, 1978, for the
purposes stated in this ordinance; pledging the
net revenues of the City's combined Electric
Light and Power, Waterworks and Sewer System to
the payment of the principal of and interest on
said bonds after providing for the payments required by the ordinances authorizing issuance of
the first lien bonds; providing certain covenants
pertaining to the bonds similarly secured (including the bonds herein authorized) and the funds
from which same are to be paid; enacting provisions
incident and relating to the subject and purpose
of this ordinance and declaring an emergency."

The ordinance was read and Council Member Goodman moved that the rule be suspended which requires that no ordinance shall become effective until the expiration of ten days following the date of its final passage, that such ordinance be finally passed and adopted at this meeting, and that, for the reasons recited therein, said ordinance be passed as an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of Austin as permitted by the City Charter. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cooke and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor McClellan, Council Members Cooke, Goodman, Trevino,

Mullen, Himmelblau and Snell.

NOES: None.

The ordinance was read the second time and Council Member <u>Goodman</u> moved that the rules be further suspended and that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure to its third reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cooke and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor McClellan, Council Members Cooke, Goodman, Trevino,

Mullen, Himmelblau and Snell.

NOES: None.

The ordinance was read the third time and Council Member Goodman moved that the ordinance be finally passed as an emergency measure. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cooke and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor McClellan, Council Members Cooke, Goodman, Trevino,

Mullen, Himmelblau and Snell.

NOES: None.

The Mayor then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed and adopted.

At the time he made his motion, Councilmember Goodman commented: "I continue to disapprove of the amount of money in the entire project, in fact the South Texas Nuclear Project, specifically." At the time of the vote, Councilmember Snell said, "I would like to agree to the statement Richard just made." Mayor Pro Tem Trevino stated: "I share Mr. Goodman's sentiments in regard to this."

Mayor McClellan asked Mr. Curtis Adrian to address the Council. He told the, "We've had better sales, but this is a good sale. These are just simply market conditions. Two days ago the City of New York sold \$350,000,000 Municipal bonds rated the same as Austin bonds at an interest rate of 6.75%. And those bonds are hung in the market..just not moving. This is a contributing factor to our sale not being better than it was. Corporate bond interest rates in the last few weeks have increased tremendously so, and of course, as a result of this municipal interest rates tracked corporate interest rates. If one goes up, the other goes up. If this were not the case, then there would be no market for municipals. Recently the IRS issued a new ruling that after May 15, 1978, interest from interest and sinking fund and reserved accounts, certain ones will no longer be tax exempt. So what this has done is create a flood on the market and many issues are coming to market at this time. Don't confuse what I've just said in that I'm speaking of interest from the IRS deposits and the reserve deposits of the issuing authorities heretofore that's been tax exempt are no longer tax exempt. Also, the national inflationary condition having risen such as it has in the last few weeks..this is a major contributing factor. To give you some idea as to what has happened in the municipal market, I'd like to read to you from the Dow-Jones averages. This is what has happened in the bond market the last 11 weeks: 6.13%, 11 weeks ago, then they went 6.21, 6.17, 6.12, 6.17, 6.21, 6.31, 6.36, 6.36, 6.45 and today it is 6.55%. Our bonds sold at a 6.2735%, that's 28 basis points below Dow-Jones averages and when that's reduced to dollars, it's a lot of dollars. It's \$5,255,600. In other words the City of Austin bonds selling below Dow-Jones averages by 28 basis points represents an interest savings of \$5,255,600. So your sale was not a bad sale at all, when all these factors are taken into consideration. market conditions

and so on. The switch of the bond forms, I've been in this for 30 some years, and this is the first time I've ever seen this happen, but I think Mr. Morrow very wisely interpreted the law and I think you do have a good bid in the Bache Halsey Stuart bid, and I commend the City on it."

The Mayor commented, "We're sorry the market is not better. I think we're pleased that our bids are favorable when compared to the whole market. And I think the reason that happened is because we continue to have good bond ratings, full disclosure of our financial information and businesslike decisions on the part of the Council."

Mr. Adrian said he had one further comment to make, "This is from a credit report that is issued by Moody's Investor Service. Moody retained A-1 ratings on these bonds and Standard & Poor's retained their A-plus rating. But Moody's has this one comment, when speaking of the Austin utility system: 'Opinion: Well managed system with demonstrated ability to plan for and meet growth demands, as well as good operating record all provide above average bond security. I'll be glad to give a copy of this for the Council to see."

CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS OF TEXAS AMENDED

The Council had before it for consideration a resolution to consider amending the contract with Blue Cross of Texas. Councilmember Mullen asked why Item 7. Member Hospital Emblem, is necessary to the contract. Mr. Spurck, Brackenridge Hospital Administrator, pointed out that this just tells the patient that the hospital is a "member hospital." Councilmember Mullen said that it appeared to look like Blue Cross was advertised and the rest of the insurance companies are not. Mr. Spurck said the contract was negotiated by T.H.A. and Blue Cross and he was not privy to the conversations which went into this. Councilmember Mullen asked if this was a situation where the Council either take it like it is or forget it. Mr. Spurck answered, "Not necessarily. It's recommended that you approve it. If it's not approved, then Blue Cross will not pay for it. We would have to bill the patient directly which isn't very good P.R. for us if they have the insurance and we have to bill them direct."

After further discussion concerning the sign, the following motion was made:

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council adopt a resolution to amend the contract with Blue Cross of Texas. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell,

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING

Council had before it a resolution to consider temporarily closing West 22nd Street between Rio Grande and Nueces Streets from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., May 6 or May 7, 1978. Mayor McClellan said she had received several letters

regarding this street closing and asked Mr. Ternus, Director of Urban Transportation what the closing time procedure is. Mr. Ternus replied that there is a standard procedure to follow to notify residents of a temporary street closing and that the hours for each closing vary. Mr. Davidson, City Manager, suggested that perhaps there should be an overall policy. He said that the applicants for this particular closing have complied with current procedures and probably should not be questioned.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council adopt a resolution to temporarily close West 22nd Street between Rio Grande and Nueces Street from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., May 6, 1978 as an alternate date in the event of rain, as requested by Mr. Ronnie Kopel representing Nexus Cooperative house. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cooke.

The Mayor referred to letters and said they are asking what type of neighborhood rights there are to participate in this type of street closing, and said that she is sure they would prefer Council addressing the entire policy. She asked if staff is looking into the street closing policy since there had been complaints before. Mr. Ternus told her that the only complaints they have received are what he would term isolated violations of the noise ordinance or closing time. The Mayor said she does not want to pull out and treat differently this particular request, but thinks that perhaps the procedure on street closings should be studied. Maybe, she said, 2 A.M. is not a realistic hour. Councilmember Goodman said that the Mayor's concerns are legitimate and he joins her in asking staff to study the procedure to see what changes might be in order.

Amendment to the Motion

Councilmember Goodman made an amendment to the motion to send a letter to Nexus Cooperative House, advising them of the rules and guidelines that they will be required to follow and telling them that they will be monitored to be sure the guidelines are followed; also included is getting a report back from staff on street closing policy, addressing the issues that have been brought to Council's attention. Councilmember Cooke accepted the amendment to the motion.

Roll Call on Motion with Amendment

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor

Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke

Noes: None

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CEMETERIES

The Council had before it a resolution to consider rules and regulations for cemeteries; and an ordinance to consider adopting which would revise cemetery fees as proposed in the Fiscal Year 1978-79 Operating Budget.

Mr. German, Director of Public Works, told Council that they have met with many people of the funeral home industry and others interested in this question. A report has been provided to Council regarding some of the questions which came up at last Council meeting at which the item was discussed. The three main questions raised dealt with 1. permanent type containers, 2. Sunday

funerals, 3. City providing set-up facilities at the graveside for the funeral. Mr. German said that four options have been identified regarding the permanent type containers and referred Council to the report they have received. Regarding Sunday funerals, a survey was made in 1976 of what other cities did, and it was found that in Dallas, Waco and Corpus Christi they have an ordinance prohibiting holding funerals on Sunday within the City limits. Fort Worth and San Antonio have a policy prohibiting funerals on Sunday. Houston allows Sunday funerals only in cases of extreme emergency. Galveston prohibits services at City cemeteries but allows funerals at private cemeteries. He said that Austin in 1977 averaged 3 to 4 Sunday funerals per month. Mayor McClellan said that she does not think it appropriate for the Council to prohibit funerals on Sunday...that it is none of the Council's business. Councilmember Goodman felt it would be a cultural intrusion on the City's part.

Mr. German continued by saying a study was made of funeral set-ups to determine what the cost would be for the City to take that over. Estimated cost would be about \$38,400 for the necessary equipment. If that were annualized over a five-year period, that would be \$7,680 per year. Personnèlicosts for putting it up and taking it down for each service would be \$21,000 a year for a total of almost \$30,000 a year in expenses. If it were required that all funerals at City cemeteries be handled by City staff, there would be an anticipated \$40,000 in revenue for a net profit of about \$11,000. Councilmember Goodman commented that he thought the City should not handle this at all. Councilmember Cooke agreed.

Council gave their views on the options being considered for permanent containers and when questioned about preference by the City, Mr. German said staff preferred Option 3.

Mayor McClellan said she interprets Council's remarks to mean that they do not want to get into whether people should or should not have funerals on Sundays..that's not Council's business. And she said she understands Council does not want to get into the funeral set-up business.

Motion

Councilmember Mullen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, to adopt a resolution to amend the rules and regulations concerning cemeteries and adopt Option 3 concerning use of permanent containers at City-owned cemeteries which is:

Exempt certain areas at Memorial Park and Evergreen cemeteries from the requirement to use permanent containers.

Sections 9, 9A and 10 at Memorial Park and sections D and E at Evergreen should be exempted. There are enough spaces in these areas to last about one year at each cemetery. When these areas are sold out, all permanent containers be required.

Friendly Amendment

Councilmember Goodman offered a friendly amendment that Council is taking no action on Sunday funerals and set-ups. Councilmember Mullen accepted the friendly amendment.

Roll Call on Motion with Friendly Amendment

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem

Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman

Noes: None

The Council next considered the ordinance to revise cemetery fees. They discussed the impact of various fees and how it would effect the personal economy of citizens. After an exchange of ideas, the following ordinance was passed:

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "CEMETERY FEES AND SPACE CHARGES"; SETTING FORTH THE RATES FOR INTERMENT AND THE PRICES OF BURIAL SPACES IN CITY CEMETERIES; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Snell moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan,

Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed, establishing \$140.00 as the minimum fee at Evergreen and Memorial Cemeteries.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing on Housing and Community Development scheduled for 11:00 a.m. The Mayor pointed out that the City has until May 25, 1978, before a final decision is required. She suggested taking action on either May 18 or 25. City Manager Dan Davidson indicated that the more time his office has to prepare the application, the better the job they will do. The Council paid recognition to Councilmember Snell's neighborhood group which was present in the audience for the HCD hearing.

Mr. Andy Ramirez, Director of the Human Resources Department, told the Council that as a result of the last public hearing the Council requested the joint subcommittee to review Option II which was presented by the City Manager to the Council. He stated that the committee had two meetings at which time they adopted approximately \$972,000 for the purpose of economic development. Mr. Ramirez indicated that this proposal went to both the Planning Commission and the Community Development Commission. The CDC recommended that the Council adopt Option I. The Planning Commission voted to recommend Option II as recommended by the joint subcommittee. Mr. Ramirez stated that the Planning Commission proposes to fund the Health Clinic with operating funds, the matching grant for Family Planning from operating funds, the Code Enforcement Program from operating funds and put into the C.I.P., the sidewalks for south Austin, bus shelters and \$30,000 contingency.

- MS. MARELLA M. WOOD, representing the Family Place, told the Council that her organization was asking for \$200,0000 of CDBG funds. She told the Council that the organization is trying to relocate to the Palm School and that renovation to the building would cost \$850,000. She stated that they already have \$216,000 and the additional \$200,000 in CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds would put them half-way to their goal. Ms. Wood stated that they were not asking for ongoing funding and that the funding request would be a one time deal.
- MR. LOUIS DEMAL, board member of the Austin Child Guidance Center, spoke in behalf of the Family Place, the Austin Evaluation Center and Child and Family Services. He told the Council that they wanted to bring together within one location, those services which are serving families. Mr. Demal indicated that it would be more convenient for families if such services were all located in the same location. He also stated that it would be more economical to have such an arrangement.
- MS. VELMA ROBERTS, representing the Black Citizens Task Force, told the Council that they were in opposition to the City Manager's funding proposals for downtown economic development. Ms. Roberts read the following statement from the Task Force:

"We urge the City Council to vote against the Planning Commission's recommendation that any part of the Community Development block grant money be used for downtown economic development."

- Ms. Roberts stated that the low and moderate income neighborhoods have always been the last to be considered in terms of where City monies will be spent. She stated that they have depended mostly on Federal funds in the past for civic improvements. Ms. Roberts stated that neighborhoods should be considered first before downtown economic development. She suggested that the City find money elsewhere for development in downtown Austin.
- MS. STEVE CRUP felt that the purpose of the funds is to improve low and moderate income neighborhoods. He felt that social services should be made available through the funds as opposed to utilitzing money for development of the downtown area.
- MS. SOCORRO LEOS, Chairperson of the South Austin Advisory Board, urged the Council to adopt the recommendations of the Community Development Commission. She stated that they wanted funds for sidewalks in south Austin. Ms. Leos pointed out that the deletion of sidewalks from the HCD proposal was the only project earmarked for south Austin.
- MR. B. L. ARMSTRONG, representing the Holy Cross Community Advisory Committee, addressed the erosion and flooding problems of Boggy Creek from Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard to Manor Road. He read several letters from residents in the area who are experiencing problems with the Creek. Mr. Armstrong requested that the Council act now to begin improvements along Boggy Creek. He stated that if the improvements are not started immediately, the Creek will continue to erode and will continue to threaten the homes, yards, health and safety of residents along the Creek. Mr. Armstrong requested that the improvements begin immediately and stated that the project cannot wait another three or four years. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino suggested that the Council get an updated

report on the Boggy Creek situation, particularly in regards to the Corps of Engineers' findings, and also get some kind of recommendation from the Engineering Department as to how much money the Council should consider for Creek maintenance. Councilmember Snell indicated that the Advisory Committee was there to see if they could qualify for HCD funding. City Manager Dan Davidson asked Mr. Charles Graves, Director of the Engineering Department, to relate some of the work that they've referred to over against the work being done by the Corps of Engineers, against some of the recommendations in the City Capital Improvements Program and HCD funding. Mr. Graves indicated that he could have a report on this by next week.

MR. JOHN YEAMAN, member of the Community Development Commission, urged that the Council adopt Option I as outlined by the City Manager. Mr. Yeaman outlined three reasons for adopting Option I. They are as follows:

- 1. The Community Development Commission should be allowed to make determinations as to funding.
- 2. The City needs to have specific plans as to how the downtown area will be revitalized.
- 3. The need for applied economic development.

MS. ANN PALMER asked if any of the funds were to be used for sidewalks in northeast Austin. Mr. Ramirez replied that there were no funds for sidewalks in northeast Austin. He also informed Ms. Palmer that there was no proposal for hike and bike trails in the HCD requests. Mr. Ramirez stated that if an area is not a low or moderate income area, improvements would have to be requested through the C.I.P. City Manager Davidson suggested to Ms. Palmer that she contact the City Urban Transportation Department to see what kind of proposals may have come out of that office for either hike and bike trails or sidewalks in her particular neighborhood. He stated that the C.I.P. is currently going before the Planning Commission and that she could contact the Commission for consideration of her requests.

MR. ELLIOTT NAISHTAT, Chairperson of the Community Development Commission, told the Council that the primary objective of the HCD Act of 1974 is the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate incomes. The specific objectives of the Act include the following:

- The elimination of slums and blight and the prevention of blighting influences and the deterioration of property and neighborhood and community facilities of importance to the welfare of the community. Principally persons of low and moderate income.
- 2. The elimination of conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare through code enforcement, demolition, interim rehabilitation assistance, etc.
- The conservation and expansion of the nation's housing stock, in order to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for all persons. Principally those of low and moderate income.

4. The expansion and improvement of the quality and quantity of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

Mr. Naishtat pointed out that the HCD program is specifically designed for people in low and moderate incomes. He stated that the CDC planning process lasted 4-1/2 months and that they received much input from the community. Mr. Naishtat felt that it was unfortunate that the Commission did not have time to review some of the late proposals submitted by the City Manager. He stated that they did not have specific recommendations for land development funds. He stated that detailed information needed to be submitted to HUD (Housing and Urban Development). Mr. Naishtat stated that he was concerned about putting the City in the embarrassing position of being ineligible through the program. He read a letter from Mr. Miguel Guerrero, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, which urged the Council to use \$972,000 for economic development activities in the event that such activities are determined to be eligible community development block grant projects. He stated that the City still does not know whether or not what is being proposed by the City Manager's office includes eligible community development block grant projects. Mr. Naishtat felt it was important to recommend the diversion of \$972,000 in the event such activities are determined to be eligible community development block grant projects. Mr. Naishtat questioned where money for downtown revitalization was going to come from and felt that there were other sources that could be tapped.

Mr. Naishtat stated that the two main priorities of the Community Development Commission (CDC) were housing and health. He stated that the Commission is concerned that if the recommendations of either the City Manager or the Planning Commission are adopted, there may not be money available to operate the Family Outpatient Clinic and the Family Planning Clinic. He pointed out that it has been recommended to fund these programs out of the City operating budget and divert funds from the HCD block grant. Mr. Naishtat indicated, however, that there is no guarantee that there will be funds in the operating budget for these programs. He stated that the Commission wanted a statement of commitment from the Council regarding the funding of the health programs and the funding of the programs which will be picked up through a bond package in the C.I.P. program. Mr. Naishtat stated that \$1.143 million of revenue sharing funds could be allocated for C.I.P. projects in low and moderate income areas. He stated, then, that the projects could be completed regardless of the outcome of a bond package.

Mr. Naishtat stated that the removal of architectural barriers mainly benefits property owners but that there is no City policy to allow for this. He quoted from Section 570.201(k) of the HCD Act of 1974. Mr. Naishtat pointed out that the use of funds for the removal of architectural barriers would be acceptable to HUD. He recommended that the City adjust its own policies to come into accordance with Federal law.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino pointed out that the City has quite a bit of flexibility regarding revenue sharing money. He stated that he hoped the City could meet all of the needs with the money made available to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino also felt that the Council needed to commit itself to supporting the health clinics.

MR. JIM PIPER, representing the Blackshear Residents Organization, felt that revitalization of the downtown area didn't qualify for HCD funding. He stated that development of the downtown area did not meet any of the criteria required for HCD funding. Mr. Piper stated that development of the downtown area did not benefit the low and moderate income group. He stated that HCD money should be spent on the people living in low and moderate income neighborhoods. Mr. Piper told the Council that the Blackshear Residents Organization supported the original recommendations of the Community Development Commission.

MR. BILL MILLER, Vice-Chairperson of the Montopolis Neighborhood Center, told the Council that their area was in need of a clinic, covers for benches and other things.

MS. MARGARET LOERA, Vice-Chairperson of the South Austin Recreation Center Board, asked the Council to purchase land adjacent to the Center that can be developed in the future.

MS. ELAINE ROBERTS, representing United Cerebral Palsy of Texas, told the Council that over 60% of the handicapped in Austin are in the low and moderate income group. She told the Council that they were in support of the removal of architectural barriers. Ms. Roberts pointed out that HUD has already supported similar projects with HCD funds all around the country. She pointed out that there is no other program from which funding can be obtained for the project.

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino moved that the Council close the public hearing and bring back the item for action on May 25th, 1978. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Himmelblau,

Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Noes: None

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Goodman

RECESS

The Council then recessed at 12:35 p.m., and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing scheduled for 11:45 a.m. There were no speakers in the audience.

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 41-13 AND 41-17 OF CHAPTER 41 (SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, 1967; ADDING A SEPARATE RECORDING FEE REQUIREMENT TO EACH SECTION; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Mayor

Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Snell

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

EMS QUALITY ASSURANCE TEAM

The Council had before it for consideration an Ordinance to expand the membership of the EMS Quality Assurance Team. Mayor McClellan felt that another physician's spot was needed to cover the basic areas of medicine. Councilmember Cooke disagreed, stating that all the appointments have not yet been made. Councilmember Goodman stated that passage of the Ordinance today would allow the Council to put another member on the Team this week.

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 750116-D AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 780316-E BY INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES QUALITY ASSURANCE TEAM FROM NINE MEMBERS TO TEN MEMBERS, SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately, to include one physician. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Mayor Pro Tem

Trevino, Mayor McClellan
loes: Councilmember Cooke

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Snell

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Council had before it for consideration the role, composition and size of the Brackenridge Hospital Advisory Board. Mayor McClellan stated that she had circulated a memo to the Council suggesting 7-9 members on the Hospital Board. Their purpose would be policy guidance for the management of the Hospital. The Mayor indicated that she felt it would be best to not designate a slot for particular areas but that the Council should consider the areas in making appointments. Councilmember Himmelblau felt that it would be beneficial to have designated categories on the Board. Councilmember Goodman stated that he was in agreement with the Mayor and suggested postponing the item for action. The Council decided to postpone action on the matter until May 18, 1978.

PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET VACATING

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing scheduled for 11:30 a.m. There were no speakers in the audience.

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING THOSE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LOST VALLEY, WESTERN DRIVE AND STAGE COACH TRAIL, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau,

Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF AN UNNAMED STREET (NEAR METCALFE ROAD), IN PARKER HEIGHTS, SECTION 1-B AMENDED, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau,

Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council <u>postpone</u> the following until May 11, 1978:

A portion of streets in the Buttermilk Park; being DELMAR AVENUE from 162.54' east of Bethune Avenue to 164.0' west of Meador Avenue; PROVIDENCE AVENUE from 250' north of Blackson Avenue to 300' south of Wheatly Avenue; MEADOR AVENUE from the north line of Blackson Avenue to 184.67' south of Delmar Avenue in A.K. Black Subdivision No. 2.

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau,

Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Noes: None

PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1978

Mr. Monty Nitcholas, Finance Director, told the Council that the General Fund looked good and expenditures were up but that revenues were up \$3 million. He stated that this is on a par with last year at \$6 million. He stated that the Cash Available Balance was \$3.5 million over March of 1977. Mr. Nitcholas pointed out that the major revenue increases were due to sales tax, property taxes and funds derived from licenses and permits. Main expenditures to the City were incurred by the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Nitcholas indicated that the Hospital Fund was maintaining a better cash flow than last year. indicated that the Golf Fund's expenditures and revenues were on schedule. Mr. Nitcholas stated that the Airport Fund was maintaining a better cash flow than last year. He stated that the Auditorium Fund was doing well due to the recent increase in the hotel/motel tax. In regard to a question from Councilmember Cooke, Mr. Nitcholas stated that the opening of the Special Events Center has not had a significant impact on the City's finances. Mr. Nitcholas stated that the EMS Fund indicates that it will probably need more General Fund money than last year.

He stated that the Utility Fund is difficult to analyze this time of the year because the best six months for the Utility are the last six months and the new rate has just gone into effect and results from that have not yet been determined. Mr. Nitcholas pointed out that revenues are up over \$8 million for the first six months for the Utility, over last year's amount and the operating costs are up approximately \$9 million. He stated that Debt Service Costs are \$4 million over what they were last year.

In regard to a question from Councilmember Himmelblau, Mr. Nitcholas indicated that money derived from the increment fee will be reflected in the Water and Wastewater budget. Councilmember Himmelblau asked when the City could expect money back on the Urban Transportation grant. Mr. Joe Ternus, Director of the Urban Transportation Department, stated that the City could expect the operating grants within the next 3-4 weeks. He stated that with the total package which deals with changing Section V Capital Grants over to Section III, it will probably be another four months before the City gets approval on that. City Manager Dan Davidson stated that they would get an update on the dates the money will come in and submit it to the Council. City Manager Davidson also told Councilmember Mullen that they would get a report as to the revenues being derived from traffic citations written by the Police Department, and also a report on the percentage of the budget that was collected this time last year and what happens in the subsequent months of the fiscal year. Councilmember Mullen indicated that he was pleased that most City departments are under their budget expenditures and hoped that this effort would be sustained. City Manager Davidson indicated that he would pass this message on to the various City departments.

PROPOSAL FOR MUNICIPAL STAGGERED WORK HOURS

Mr. Davidson stated that they could handle the program on an administrative basis and that they intended to initiate staggered work hours wherever possible to ease the flow. He felt that a motion by the Council endorsing the concept and authorizing any changes required would be in order. Mr. Davidson stated that he, Mr. Joe Ternus of the Urban Transportation Department and Mr. Jimmy Flakes of the Personnel Department would be working with the appropriate department heads to put the concept in motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino moved that the Council endorse the concept of staggered work hours and authorize changes as required. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Mullen, Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor

McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau

Noes: None

TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM

City Manager Davidson expressed hope that this kind of a program would be picked up by other employers in the area. Mr. Joe Ternus, Director of the Urban Transportation Department, told the Council that a study was conducted of all City employees in the downtown area to determine how many people would use a transit shuttle and where these individuals live. He stated that most of the employees who wanted to use the shuttle were scattered throughout the City and that there could not be one single site for Park and Ride services. Mr. Ternus stated that the proposed program allows the City to enable the employee to purchase the transit passes and it also sets up an employee shuttle operation using existing equipment and existing facilities. He stated that they would prepare a map showing the various routes and pick up facilities. He stated that they would put out a hand-out sheet that will be given to the employees so that they can better understand when they can catch a bus that will take them to their jobs. Mr. Ternus stated that they were requesting that the City be authorized to purchase two-thirds of the cost of the monthly transit passes. He pointed out that this program will become critical as the Congress Avenue bridge is closed. He stated that there will be less cars in the downtown area and that this will help relieve traffic congestion. Mr. Ternus stated that this will also open up additional parking spaces in the downtown area. He recommended that the City advise other employers in the area to also adopt a similar program within their companies. Mayor McClellan congratulated Mr. Ternus on the concept and felt that the program has a number of benefits. Mr. Ternus stated that they would also be pleased to inform other employers about the program. He stated that approval of the program by the Council would act as an incentive for other employers in the area to follow the program. Councilmember Cooke hoped that the program could be publicized to other employers in the area.

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council approve the Transit Pass Program and publicize it to other employers in the area. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Snell, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan,

Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen

PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Ms. Sue Edwards, Acting Deputy Director of the Health Department, told the Council that the Health Department has begun a process of the transfer of the Medical Assistance Program from Brackenridge Hospital to the Health Department. She stated that the tentative deadline for the transfer of the services and the final transfer of responsibilities has been set for August 1, 1978. Ms. Edwards stated that there has been a task force comprised of representatives from the Research and Budget Department, Data Systems, the Legal Department, the City Manager's Office and the Health Department. She stated that the task force oversees the process of four internal committees. These committees are made up of members of the Health Department and Brackenridge Hospital staff. They are as follows:

- 1. The Outpatient Services Committee
- 2. Eligibility Determination Committee
- 3. Consumer Committee
- 4. Fiscal Planning Management Committee

Ms. Edwards stated that there are still many problems that needed to be addressed. She stated that the major issues were the hiring of the Director of the Health Department, the securing of an actuary to determine the financial base for budgeting health care costs, the recommendation of a physician service package to provide services in the Outpatient Clinics, the completion of an eligibility determination system and the completion of a written manual for that system, the implementation of the 1977 CSA guidelines, the establishment of an Advisory Board for the Medical Assistance Program, continued coordination between Brackenridge Hospital and the Health Department and the establishment of a separate fund which will identify the total cost for the Medical Assistance Program. Councilmember Himmelblau asked if the County will be going to the same eligibility guidelines. Ms. Edwards replied that the County has stated that they will be going to the same guidelines but that that has not yet been finalized.

In regard to a question from Councilmember Goodman, Ms. Edwards indicated that recommendations as to the Advisory Board will be submitted to the Council. She stated that the Committee is mostly looking at the make-up of the Board. Councilmember Goodman recommended that the Urban Transportation Department's input be obtained on the task force.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council then adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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